Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government have no information.

160. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether the Depressed Classes Development Society submitted any request to the Government for entrusting the Society with the management of the Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi; and if the answer is in the affirmative,

(b) whether a copy of it will be placed on the table,

(c) whether the Society had any funds before it took up the management of the Colony; and if there were no funds,

(d) the reason for entrusting the management of the Colony to a Society having no funds;

(e) what funds the Society had, if the answer to clause (b) is in the affirmative;

(f) whether the Manager of the Colony is a caste-Hindu who considers the Pulayas as untouchables;

(g) whether he resides in the Colony, and if not, how far from the Colony he lives;

(h) whether the Government has perused the following lines published in *the Malayala Manorama* of the 15th December 1925—

"ഡിപ്രസ്സ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ്സസ് ഡെവലപ്പുമേണ്ടു് സൊസയറിയേപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ പലരും ആദ്യമായിട്ടാണ അറിയുന്നതു്. ഇതിലെ അംഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രസിഡെണ്ടു് മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ നേത്യാരമ്മ ശ്രീമതി വി. കെ. പാറുക്കുട്ടിഅമ്മയുടെ മകനും മലബാർ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരും, ഖജാൻജി അയാളുടെ സഹോദരി രത്നമ്മ (ഡാക്ടർപാലാട്ടിന്റെ ഭാര്യ), സിക്രട്ടരി നേത്യാരമ്മയുടെ അടുത്ത ശേഷക്കാരിയുടെ ഭർത്താവും ഇവിടത്തെ ലാറിപ്പോട്ടും മെമ്പർമാർ വേറൊരു ശേഷക്കാരിയുടെ ഭർത്താവും നിയമ സഭ സിക്രട്ടരിയും ആകുന്നു."

(i) whether the Government is aware that the facts alleged are true or not;

(j) whether the Government has contradicted or will contradict the statement, if the facts alleged in the statement are found to be incorrect, after making enquiries?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copy of the President's letter is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(c) The Government did not enquire.

(d) No answer is called for.

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(e) Vide answer (c).

(f) The Manager is a caste-Hindu.

(g) He lives in Chalakkudi, not far from the Colony.

(h) No.

(i) The Government are not concerned with the relationship existing among the members of the Society.

(j) No answer is called for.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is not the Government a subscriber to *the Manorama* ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No, Sir.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Perhaps they might have discontinued it.

A circular regarding casual leave.

161. Mr. Poulo Mampilli. — Will the Government be pleased to state, if the Chief Medical Officer has sent a circular stating that Medical Officers should avail themselves of any casual leave only with previous sanction, and that in urgent cases reply prepaid telegrams should be sent?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

162. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is a fact that many Mofussil medical institutions are located in places where there are no Telegraph Offices?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There are some, but none which is not within easy reach of a Telegraph Office.

163. Mr. Poulo Mampilli:—Will the Government be pleased to state, if it is aware that this circular is a real hardship to Mofussil Medical Officers who cannot take even a day's casual leave on most urgent and unexpected circumstances without obtaining previous sanction?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No complaints have yet been received from Medical Officers.

164. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the modification of this circular so that in really urgent and unexpected circumstances Medical Officials, other than those at head-quarters, may avail themselves of at least 2 days' casual leave in anticipation of sanction?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Government do not consider that any modification is necessary.

165. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state who can sanction casual leave to Medical Officials when the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is out on circuit?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is time, the application is kept pending the Chief Medical and Sanitary

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Year	No.	Particulars of suggestion	Remarks
1101 *(cont.)*	4	Cleaningthe Kakkad tank.	Being done.
	5	Acquiring a house and a well in the southern bazaar.	Acquisition proceedings are being adopted.
	6	Improving the lane near the house of one P. V. Vareed and the lane from Kakkad to Chalathkundi.	Being done.

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 160.)

President's letter.

The Pulaya Colony at Chalakkudi appears to be in a deplorable and neglected condition at present. It seems that the Colony was started by the Government some years ago with the laudable object of bettering the condition of the depressed classes, and that the Government have been spending amounts every year towards its up-keep, etc., with no appreciable good results. With a view to ameliorate the condition of the backward classes in the State, we desire to offer to take up the work of the Colony, if the Government can entrust it to our care and place at our disposal the amounts annually set apart or spent on it, and we hope that we can bring it to a satisfactory condition.

President.—Now questions and answers are over. The next item is the laying on the table of the statement of emergency expenditure by the Finance Member.

Statments laid on the Table

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under